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REPUBLICAN ENERGY BILL FAILS AMERICA

Markey: "A Bill of the Energy Companies, by the Energy Companies, and for the Energy Companies"

WASHINGTON, DC: Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and conferee for the Energy Bill, released the following statement on today's passage of H.R. 6, the Republican-crafted Energy Bill:

"This energy bill is the single-worst public health, environmental, and energy security public policy disaster in a generation. This bill does nothing about the ever-increasing percentage of oil that goes into our gasoline tanks—nearly 70% of our oil consumption in the United States is for cars, trucks, and SUVs. This energy legislation is a disservice to all the young men and women who are now in the Middle East protecting foreign oil.

"The American people, their representatives, environmental, and public interest groups had no seat at the table when historic and comprehensive energy legislation was discussed. Instead, the Republican leadership crafted an energy bill in secret, and the result is a special interest bonanza that is of the energy companies, by the energy companies, and for the energy companies. This energy bill will be an historic failure for our nation's energy security, American consumers, and our environment.

"From the preservation of the egregious Hummer tax loophole, to the protections given to corporations who pollute our water and air, to the silence on computer, air conditioner and auto efficiency, this energy bill has something for every big industry. The nuclear, coal, gas, electric, utility and automotive industries have much to be thankful for in the coming Thanksgiving Holiday. They have been given a polluting piñata from the Republican Party, while the American people will have to pay using their Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

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